

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 3039 - HB 3072**

February 24, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes HMO enrollees with a life threatening condition to begin the independent review process without completing the internal appeals procedure. Revises the fee charged to the enrollee to begin the independent review process from \$50 to \$15 and makes the fee refundable if patient prevails in the review process.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **MINIMAL**

All independent review fees are collected by the HMO and are used for the cost of the independent review. TennCare MCO's are exempt from the independent review process under TCA 56-32-227(e).

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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